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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial:___ Complete: X Exploration:___
Inspection Date & Time: 3/15/00 8:30 to 9:30
Date of Last Inspection: 2/24/00

Mine Name: Gordon Creek Mines 2,7, & 8 County: Carbon Permit Number: ACT/007/016

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Mountain Coal Company

Business Address: P. O. Box 591, Somerset, Colorado 81434

Type of Mining Activity: Underground Mine

State Officials(s): Susan White

Company Official(s): Dan Guy Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Fair and cold

Existing Acreage: Permitted-2286 Disturbed-20.3 Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-___

Increased/Decreased: Permitted-___ Disturbed-___ Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-___

Status: Active

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

INSPECTION REPORT
(Continuation sheet)

PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/007/016

DATE OF INSPECTION: 3/15/00

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

Consumers Road to the site had been plowed only to the Horizon Mine, the road was not passable to the Gordon Creek Mine site.

1. Permits, Change, Transfer, Renewal, Sale

UPDES permit #UTG04004 has one discharge point, 001A. The permit expires April 30, 2001.

The permit was renewed August 28, 1999. One condition was attached to the permit as follow:

“Mountain Coal Company, LLC will submit water quality data electronically to the Division for the Gordon Creek #2, #7 and #8 Mine beginning with data for the fourth quarter of 1999.”

Ken Wyatt, Division Hydrologist, stated that data had been submitted electronically, however all the data appeared as zeros. The Division is continuing to work with the Operator in electronic submission of data. This issue was discussed with Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director, and concluded that no NOV's will be issued.

4. Hydrologic Balance:

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments: Fourth quarter pond inspection was completed by Dan Guy on October 19, 1999. 2/7/8 Sediment Pond, Jacobs Pond, and Sweets Pond were included in the inspection.

c. Other Sediment Control Measures: Straw bales will be placed within the disturbed area to treat runoff from the Fan Portal area. The Operator should install the bales as soon as possible.

d. Water Monitoring: Water monitoring was not viewed. The Operator has been submitting hard copies of data to the Division. The Division told Operators if they submit electronically then they don't have to provide hard copies. Water data will be viewed next inspection.

e. Effluent Limitations: Only December's DMR was found at the SLC office. The Operator's files will be viewed next inspection.

21. Bonding and Insurance: Liberty Mutual Insurance Company holds the \$641,443.00 bond. St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Company carries a \$500,000 general liability coverage which expires 7/31/00.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: OSM, Chris Hansen (CFC), Dan Guy (Blackhawk Engineering)

Given to: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature:  Date: April 11, 2000
Susan M. White #35